

# Minute of the meeting of Rousay, Egilsay, Wyre and Gairsay Community Council held in Rousay Community School on Saturday, 8 February 2020 at 10:15

## Present:

Mr A Firth, Mr R Tipper, Mr R Friel, Mr J Garson and Mrs Z Flaws.

## In Attendance:

- Mrs E Soames Clerk.

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## **1. Apologies**

Resolved to note that apologies for absence had been received from Mrs C Maguire, Mrs C Cox and Councillor Clackson.

## **2. Minute of Meeting held on 9 November 2019**

The Minute of the meeting held on 9 November 2019 was approved, after a minor change correcting Mr A Flaws to Mr A Firth, being proposed by Mrs Z Flaws and seconded by Mr J Garson.

## **3. Matters Arising**

### **A. Inter-Island Ferry Tickets**

After consideration of correspondence from Orkney Islands Council dated 17 January 2020 confirming that Community Councils can now longer buy books of tickets, it was resolved:

1. To advertise that residents could have their tickets reimbursed via Democratic Services directly.
2. That the clerk was to get in touch with residents who have taken part in this scheme previously.

### **B. Scrap Car Scheme**

After consideration of correspondence from Orkney Islands Council regarding an increase in price for the removal of vehicles, and an update from the clerk advising that there were still vehicles to collect, it was:

Resolved to re-advertise this scheme with a budget of £500, to be revisited at a future meeting.

### **C. Notice Board**

Members were advised by the Chair that the signs have been collected, and following a discussion regarding the location of the signs, it was resolved:

1. That the clerk would write to REWDT about placing a notice board on the property at the pier.
2. That the clerk would ask Orkney Islands Council if a board could be placed at the school.
3. That the other signs were to be sited at the Post Office and the Shop.

### **D. Kirkyard Matting**

Given that Mrs Maguire was not in attendance, it was:

Resolved to keep this item on the Agenda for the next meeting.

### **E. Egilsay Bin Store**

Members were verbally advised that this issue has now been resolved, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

### **F. Access Within Kirkyards**

Given that Mrs Maguire was not in attendance, it was:

Resolved to keep this item on the Agenda for the next meeting.

### **G. Grass Cutting Tender Advert**

Members discussed the above and agreed that because this was a one-year contract, it would not obtain the best price for the tender, however it was:

Resolved that the clerk would advertise the tender on the boat, at the shop and post office, and on Around Rousay with a closing date of 28 February 2020.

### **H. Cancelled Egilsay Sailings**

After consideration of correspondence between Egilsay Community Association and Orkney Ferries regarding cancelled Egilsay sailings, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

## **4. Correspondence**

### **A. Preparation of the Orkney Islands Regional Marine Plan**

After consideration of correspondence from Orkney Islands Council regarding the Regional Marine Plan, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

### **B. VE Day 75**

After consideration of correspondence regarding the VE Day 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

### **C. Peedie Breeks**

After consideration of correspondence from a concerned parent regarding the closure of Peedie Breeks, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

### **D. OIC – Agenda for Ferry Services Consultative Forum**

Members reviewed the Agenda ahead of the above-mentioned meeting, and it was:

Resolved that in the possible absence of Mrs C Cox, that Mr J Garson would attend in her place.

### **E. My Place Awards 2020**

After consideration of correspondence from the Scottish Civic Trust regarding the My Place Awards 2020, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

### **F. OIC - Purchase to Pay**

After consideration of correspondence from OIC regarding the new electronic purchasing system, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

### **G. Rousay Primary School – Thank You Letter**

After consideration of correspondence from Rousay Primary School thanking the Community Council for their Christmas donation, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

### **H. Rousay, Egilsay and Wyre Ferry Timetable**

After consideration of the draft 2020 Winter Timetable from Orkney Ferries, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the correspondence.

### **I. Rousay Bus Service**

After consideration of correspondence from OIC, in response to members suggestions regarding the possible changes to the bus timetable and labelling at the bus station, it was:

Resolved to advise OIC that the first bus to Tingwall was too early, and the last bus to Tingwall from Kirkwall leaves too soon.

### **J. Sourin Mill**

After consideration of correspondence from OIC regarding Sourin Mill and the inspection that has taken place, it was:

Resolved to note that this was being monitored by OIC.

## **5. Financial Statements**

### **A. General Account**

Following consideration of the General Finance statement as at 23 January 2020, it was:

Resolved to note that the estimated balance was £18,944.01.

### **B. Community Council Grant Scheme**

Following consideration of the Community Council Grant Scheme statement as at 23 January 2020, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance remaining for approval in the main capping limit was £271.84, the balance remaining in the additional capping limit was £646.70, and the Island capping limit was £642.00.

### **C. Community Development Fund**

Following consideration of a statement for the Community Development Fund as at 23 January 2020, it was:

Resolved to note that the balance remaining for approval was £5,427.80.

### **D. Seed Corn Fund**

Following consideration of a statement for the Seed Corn Fund as at 23 January 2020, it was:

Resolved to note that £9,035.00 remained available for allocation.

## **6. Financial Requests**

### **A. 1<sup>st</sup> Rousay rainbows and Brownies**

The clerk declared an interest in this item and left the room during the discussion thereof.

Members considered a request from 1<sup>st</sup> Rousay Rainbows and Brownies for financial assistance towards the cost of new uniforms, and it was:

Resolved to approve a donation of £73.25 to fund uniforms.

### **B. Rousay Sailing Club**

Mr R Friel and Mrs Z Flaws declared an interest in this item and left the room during the discussion thereof.

Members considered a request from Rousay Sailing Club for financial assistance towards the costs of building a St Ayles Skiff, and it was resolved:

1. To invite an answer from Mrs C Cox as there were not enough members to give a decision.
2. That the clerk would email and send any questions to Mrs Z Flaws.

## **7. Consultations**

### **A. Verge Maintenance Plan**

Members considered the consultation document on the Verge Maintenance Plan and following discussion, it was:

Resolved to note the contents of the consultation document.

## **B. Democratic Services Questionnaire**

Members considered the Community Councils Questionnaire, produced by OIC, on the service provided by Democratic Services, and it was:

Resolved that members were to reply individually and send it back to Democratic Services.

## **8. Reports from Representatives**

### **A. Planning**

The planning representative advised members that there have been no changes to recent planning nor any new applications, and it was:

Resolved to note the information provided.

### **B. Transport**

The Transport representative was not in attendance at this meeting.

## **9. Publications**

The following publications were made available to members at the meeting:

- Orkney Ferries Statistics – November 2019 and December 2019.

## **10. Any Other Competent Business**

### **A. Rousay Primary School**

Mr R Friel was asked to retire from the meeting and was not present during discussions thereof.

The Chair advised members that he had been approached by parents requesting information on the future permanent staffing proposals relating to Rousay Primary School, and it was:

Resolved that the Clerk write Orkney Islands Council asking for clarity on this matter.

## **11. Dates of Next Meetings**

Resolved to note that the next meeting of Rousay, Egilsay, Wyre and Gairsay Community Council would be held on 25 April 2020, at 10:15 in Rousay Community School.

## **12. Conclusion of Meeting**

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting concluded at 11:30.